

Circular Letter No. 389.

November 22, 1906.

To Superintendents.

Gentlemen:--

We are sending you by mail to-day a sufficient number of pamphlets containing the first five lessons of "An Intermediate Course in English" to supply all the teachers enrolled in the intermediate and advanced courses of your district. We are also sending an equal number of pamphlets containing the English-Spanish vocabulary to accompany the five lessons. These pamphlets have been prepared because the complete book to be used in these courses could not be published in time. It will undoubtedly be ready for distribution before the expiration of the five weeks for which lessons are now provided.

We shall send you in a few days a sufficient number of copies of the play "Barbara Frietchie" together with a pamphlet containing notes on this play to supply all the teachers in your advanced classes. Should these books not be received immediately the teachers of the advanced group can profitably continue the study of the "Course of Study for Graded Schools".

In reply to a number of questions, the Superintendents are advised that the classification outlined in Circular Letter No. 372 was not intended to be unchangeable. In

some cases better results may be secured if teachers are allowed to repeat either the elementary or intermediate course, even though they may have attained a standing of seventy per cent in last year's examination. Superintendents may make any changes in the special authorization from this office.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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